

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A portable stylus information input processing apparatus (1) with a removable stylus (2) and a stylus housing (9), a user interface (UI) (3), said apparatus comprising a computer program for running a user-interactive application on or via the apparatus, or a means for inputting such a computer program, interaction taking place by contact between the stylus and the user interface (UI), characterized in that the apparatus comprises means for generating a release signal (6) generated by a program run on or via the apparatus to release the stylus, the stylus housing comprising a receiver for receiving said release signal and a release mechanism (7) for releasing the stylus in response to the release signal (6).

2. (original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the apparatus comprises a program for running an application on or via the apparatus, wherein in operation occurrence of an event triggers the release of the stylus.

3. (original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the event triggering release of the stylus is formed by a

transition between a first level and a second level of an application.

4. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~1 or 2~~, characterized in that the apparatus comprises a program comprising a program code for displaying a soft button (11) on the User Interface, while touching said button generates a release signal.

5. (currently amended) A computer program comprising program code means for use in a device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1.

6. (currently amended) A computer program product comprising program code means stored on a computer readable medium for use in a device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1.